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Identical letters dated 13 November 2002 from the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

Israel, the occupying Power, continues to wage its bloody military campaign throughout the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem. In continuing to pursue its military aggression, Israel has continued to commit systematic human rights violations, war crimes and State terrorism against Palestinian people under its occupation. Such violations and grave breaches of international law and international humanitarian law have reached levels unprecedented in decades.

Today, the Israeli occupying forces once again launched a raid against the city of Nablus and two adjacent refugee camps. In the dark, pre-dawn hours of the day, at least 100 Israeli tanks and armoured personnel carriers raided Nablus from four different directions. The occupying forces fired machine guns as they entered the city, while a number of tanks were positioned to seal off any exit from the city. Moreover, several explosions were set off in the Old City of Nablus, as the occupying forces raided several homes and buildings, and the occupying forces also took over an elementary girls' school in the city as their base of operations. It has been reported that, thus far, the occupying forces have abducted and detained at least 35 Palestinians in Nablus. Further, according to comments made by the Israeli army, this most recent raid, assault and reoccupation of Nablus will be a long-lasting operation. This latest military action by the Israeli occupying forces follows the raid just yesterday carried out in Tulkarem and an adjacent refugee camp, in addition to the countless acts of Israeli military aggression that have been perpetrated against the Palestinian people in recent weeks.

During that period of time, the Israeli occupying forces continued to systematically violate the human rights of the Palestinian people by all means and methods. As is apparent from the tragically lengthy annexed list of martyrs, the occupying forces killed Palestinian civilians, including children and women, on an almost daily basis during the past few weeks, as they have perpetually done so for more than two years now. These killings included several extrajudiciary executions.

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In addition, a number of those who died during this time, died from critical wounds sustained in earlier attacks as a result of the persistent use of excessive and disproportionate force by the Israeli occupying forces against the Palestinian civilian population.

At the same time, the Palestinian people continued to be subject to the destruction of their homes, properties and infrastructure by the Israeli occupying forces. Home demolitions continue to be perpetrated by the occupying forces. Moreover, the occupying forces continue to raze roads and to dig trenches in and around several Palestinian cities in an effort to obstruct movement into and out of them and effectively isolate them. In addition, harassment and violent attacks by illegal Israeli settlers in the Occupied Palestinian Territory against the Palestinian people have continued unabated. Recently, such settler violence has involved repeated attacks on Palestinian farmers, particularly in Yanun, which is south of Nablus, and the theft of their olive harvests. In addition, in several instances, the settlers have repeatedly prevented Palestinians from reaching their land and harvesting their crops and have burned and damaged their olive trees.

Further, Israel, the occupying Power, continues its military siege with the ongoing imposition of severe restrictions on the movement of persons and goods throughout the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, even during the Muslim holy month of Ramadan. These restrictions, including the round-the-clock curfews that continue to be imposed on several cities, have, as repeatedly noted, severely impacted and debilitated the socio-economic situation of the Palestinian population under occupation. Such restrictions continue to hinder the provision of humanitarian assistance to the Palestinian people and have only further exacerbated the already dire humanitarian situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory.

In follow-up to my previous 143 letters to you regarding this continuing crisis in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, dated from 29 September 2000 to 17 October 2002 (A/55/432-S/2000/921, A/55/437-S/2000/930, A/55/450-S/2000/957, A/55/466-S/2000/971, A/55/474-S/2000/984, A/55/490-S/2000/993, A/ES-10/39-S/2000/1015, A/ES-10/40-S/2000/1025, A/ES-10/42-S/2000/1068, A/ES-10/43-S/2000/1078, A/ES-10/44-S/2000/1093, A/ES-10/45-S/2000/1104, A/ES-10/46-S/2000/1107, A/ES-10/47-S/2000/1116, A/ES-10/48-S/2000/1129, A/ES-10/49-S/2000/1154, A/ES-10/50-S/2000/1173, A/ES-10/51-S/2000/1185, A/ES-10/52-S/2000/1206, A/ES-10/53-S/2000/1247, A/ES-10/54-S/2001/7, A/ES-10/55-S/2001/33, A/ES-10/56-S/2001/50, A/ES-10/57-S/2001/101, A/ES-10/58-S/2001/131, A/ES-10/59-S/2001/156, A/ES-10/60-S/2001/175, A/ES-10/61-S/2001/189, A/ES-10/64-S/2001/209, A/ES-10/65-S/2001/226, A/ES-10/66-S/2001/239, A/ES-10/67-S/2001/255, A/ES-10/68-S/2001/284, A/ES-10/69-S/2001/295, A/ES-10/70-S/2001/304, A/ES-10/71-S/2001/314, A/ES-10/72-S/2001/332, A/ES-10/75-S/2001/352, A/ES-10/76-S/2001/372, A/ES-10/79-S/2001/418, A/ES-10/80-S/2001/432, A/ES-10/81-S/2001/447, A/ES-10/82-S/2001/463, A/ES-10/83-S/2001/471, A/ES-10/84-S/2001/479, A/ES-10/85-S/2001/486, A/ES-10/86-S/2001/496, A/ES-10/87-S/2001/504, A/ES-10/88-S/2001/508, A/ES-10/89-S/2001/544, A/ES-10/90-S/2001/586, A/ES-10/91-S/2001/605, A/ES-10/92-S/2001/629, A/ES-10/93-S/2001/657, A/ES-10/94-S/2001/669, A/ES-10/95-S/2001/686, A/ES-10/96-S/2001/697, A/ES-10/97-S/2001/708, A/ES-10/98-S/2001/717, A/ES-10/99-S/2001/742, A/ES-10/100-S/2001/754, A/ES-10/101-S/2001/783, A/ES-10/102-S/2001/785, A/ES-10/103-S/2001/798, A/ES-10/104-S/2001/812, A/ES-10/105-S/2001/814, A/ES-10/107-S/2001/821, A/ES-10/108-S/2001/826, A/ES-10/111-

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I would be grateful if you would arrange to have the present letter and its annex distributed as an official document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 5, and of the Security Council.

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Annex to the identical letters dated 13 November 2002 from the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

Names of martyrs killed by Israeli occupying forces in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem* (Friday, 18 October, through Monday, 11 November 2002)

Friday, 18 October 2002

Karam Mohammed Abu Obeid (18 years old)

Monday, 21 October 2002

Sameh Asa'ad Nasser Shneeq

Tuesday, 22 October 2002

1. Moneer Mithkal Ala'an
2. Mohammed Ibrahim Mohammed Al Haymouny (died from wounds sustained last year)

Thursday, 24 October 2002

Ahmed Mahmoud Abu Ja'far (15 years old)

Friday, 25 October 2002

1. Mahmoud Salem Abu Mur (17 years old)
2. Tawfiq Hafez Breekeh (died from wounds sustained on 13 October)

Sunday, 27 October 2002

1. Fuad Ahmed Hassan Abu Ghalyeh (17 years old)
2. Ahmed Jad Allah
3. Ala'a Mufleh Abdel Riheem
4. Salem Abdel Qader Al-Sha'aer (14 years old)

Monday, 28 October 2002

Ahmed Majed Ahmed Emais (14 years old)

Tuesday, 29 October 2002

Essam Sidqi Sawafteh

* The total number of Palestinian martyrs killed by Israeli occupying forces since 28 September 2000 is 1,920.

Wednesday, 30 October 2002

1. Nawareh Brekeh
2. Khaled Abdel Elaziz

Thursday, 31 October 2002

1. A'yad Baker Mansoor
2. Samir Ziab Abbas
3. Ahmed Talal Al-Dahshan
4. Mohammed Sami Al-Dahdouh

Saturday, 2 November 2002

Sufian Al-Suqi

Monday, 4 November 2002

1. Hassan Khalil Zu'rob (died from wounds sustained on 3 November)
2. Ahmed Mousa Al Sharkawy
3. Yussef Mohammed Alsoofi
4. Marwan Odeh Rabie'
5. Ismail Al-Masri (18 years old)
6. Ahmed Othman
7. Hamed Al-Sader

Tuesday, 5 November 2002

1. Adham Ibrahim Hamdan (16 years old)
2. Iyad Nafez Abu Taha (17 years old)

Friday, 8 November 2002

1. Ahmed Abdel Fatah Ramadan
2. Ramy Sa'eed Balaweneh

Saturday, 9 November 2002

Iyad Ahmed Sawalheh

Monday, 11 November 2002

1. Khaled Misha'al (2-year-old baby)
2. Mohammed Rifa'at Abu El-Naja (8 years old, died from wounds sustained on 17 October)